

Maryland Biodiversity Project

Board Meeting - 2023.08.22

The Maryland Biodiversity Project (MBP) board met on Tuesday, 22 August 2023 for a mid-year update. Bill, Dan, Jane, Jim, John, and Maren were in attendance.

Minutes

- Mission Statement: Catalog the living things of Maryland. Promote science, education, and conservation by helping to build a vibrant nature study community.
 - Treasurer's Report
 - The Treasurer provided a high-level summary of finances including current bank accounts, recent donations, and upcoming actions.
 - Updates on 2023 Data Collection Activities
 - Summer Insect Surveys were successful. Data are still being processed
 - Turkey Point and Dan's Rock Morning Flight Counts started on August 1 and will continue through the end of November.
 - <https://www.marylandbiodiversity.com/project/turkeypoint/viewTurkeyPoint2023.php>
 - <https://www.marylandbiodiversity.com/project/dansrock/viewDansRock2023.php>
 - Reports from 2022 flight counts have been published in Maryland Birdlife and can be found on the MBP website.
 - https://www.marylandbiodiversity.com/bibliography.php#bird_counts
 - Summary of 2023 MBP BioBlitz in Garrett County
 - BioBlitz was very successful with more than 1,000 species observed and nearly 5,000 observations.
 - Data from Garrett County for the entire weekend were reviewed and ingested into MBP.
 - <https://www.marylandbiodiversity.com/blog/?p=1137>
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- Future events
 - Possible field trips for remainder of 2023 were discussed.
 - Field trips will be announced through social media.
 - Sites for a 2024 BioBlitz were discussed - details will be announced at a future date.
 - Webpage updates
 - A major upgrade to our MBP server will be performed in the near future. A brief outage is expected.
 - We will continue updates to make the site more mobile-friendly.
 - Long-term planning
 - The Board also discussed some medium- and long-term goals for data collection and outreach through MBP. No decisions have been made at this time.
 - Since our last Board meeting, Mike Walsh has officially resigned from the Board. We would like to thank Mike for his support and service!
 - The next meeting of the MBP Board will be held in early 2024

Board composition today

- Jim Brighton - President
- John Hall - Secretary
- Bill Hubick - Treasurer
- Maren Gimpel - Member at large
- Jane Hill - Member at large
- Dan Small - Member at large

As always, thank you to our fantastic community of contributors and editors!

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